**From Mayor & Council**

Merry Christmas and happy holidays! We have had a very busy year and are working toward continuing to grow all areas of the municipality and move some larger projects forward. We are working hard to improve our communication with you by combining good old fashioned listening with new technology and best practices. In fact, we are considered to be a communications leader in this new way of governing in the RMs of Manitoba and we just won a national award for it.

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**Recreation Update**

We learned that 68% of residents are unsatisfied with the RM's current recreation options and that 65% would like recreation money to be spent half on outdoor amenities and half on a building.*

We are responding to your input! We hired a Recreation Manager named Dave Marcus to assist community recreation groups with organization, planning, programming and funding.

1. We are reviving the Kirkness outdoor rink this winter, which will be back in action for the first time in ten years. Dave and community volunteers have worked feverishly to get it up and running in record time. Read more at rmofstclements.com/kirkness-rink.

2. Rec Manager Dave, 23 volunteers and a consultant are working on south St. Clements recreation facility recommendations to present to Council this winter.


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**Henderson Sewer Moves Ahead**

The Henderson sewer project has been moving steadily along. Our goal is to have the capacity to hook up all homes in the area by 2020. Hook up schedule will be based on neighbourhood request.

As of March 2016, 66 homes are serviced by the Lockport Treatment Plant or will soon be. The Lockport plant isn’t big enough to service the whole area so we studied several alternatives including:

- Connecting to St. Andrew’s pipeline to Winnipeg
- Connecting with the East St. Paul treatment plant
- Expanding the Lockport plant
- Using one of two possible lagoons in the RM of St. Clements

We will compare factors like cost, timeline, complexity, potential for future hookups and environmental impact to make the best choice for the future. Find background and updates at rmofstclements.com/henderson-sewer-project.

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**Landfill and Transfer Station Winter Hours**

Questions? Contact the Landfill Office at 204-766-2388 or toll-free at 1-866-205-8914

Want a map? Go to our website at rmofstclements.com/landfill-transfer-stations

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**Holiday Office Hours**

Municipal and Public Works

- Closed from Monday, December 26 to Friday, December 30
- For emergencies we have a 24 hour answering service. Call 204-482-3300.

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**Let’s Talk Trash Update & Survey Results**

We need to change how we handle garbage and now is the time. Why?

1. We have one of the lowest recycling rates in the province and the majority of you want to do better.
2. Costly upgrades to existing facilities for safety and environmental reasons are looming.

A big thank you to the 466 people who took the time to fill out our Let’s Talk Trash survey in November of 2016.

All respondents were entered to win an iPad. Find out who won on our website.

What we learned:

- 67% of you want to reduce the amount of recyclables and organic material that gets thrown into the landfill, even if it costs more (but not much more)
- The majority of you want recycling to be easier
- You support curbside garbage and recycling pick up south of Highway #4

We have come up with some options based on your input and we’d like to know what you think. Go to rmofstclements.com/lets-talk-trash. Survey report also available here.

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**Want a full newsletter but don’t have computer access?**

- Contact us and we will mail you one
- Pick up a printed copy at our office
- Use our public computer in the lobby-staff can assist you